



The Insider

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Inside State Politics with State Senator Mickey Switalski Senate District 10

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Welcome to the electronic version of *The Insider*. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and for giving me an opportunity to represent you in the Michigan Senate. It is my sincere hope that this bi-weekly e-newsletter will keep you informed of the happenings in Lansing while staying true to the traditional style of *The Insider*. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to e-mail me at senmswitalski@senate.michigan.gov or call me at my Roseville or Lansing office. You can also meet me in person during my constituent hours, coming to a library near you. Call my office and make an appointment or just walk in. See schedule for details.

Mickey's Blog: Two, Three, Four, What Are We Thankful For?

Tomorrow families across the country will be sitting down at the table to eat turkey with mashed potatoes, and stuffing and gravy and corn and cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

And sweet potatoes and Beaujolais Nouveau and cosmopolitans.

Before they begin to eat, someone will say a prayer of Thanksgiving.

So what do we have to be thankful for? Here is what I am thankful for:

- How about only having to wait four days after a loss for another Lions game?
- Thank you for McGriddles and Sugar Free Red Bull, allowing my legislative aide Zvonko Blazeovski to work for extended periods in my district office in a chemically-induced haze.
- Thanks for my Saturn that gets 38 miles per gallon on the 100 mile drive to Lansing.
- The anticipation of another high draft choice so the Lions can pick a wide receiver in the first round.
- Thanks for my mother Nancy, my wife Roma, and my son Liam. Thanks for my 87-year old mother-in-law Jenny, who is visiting from Scotland for 3 months and cleans the house all day every day. It has never looked better. Thanks for my sister Moe, who drove in from Baltimore with her husband Rick and kids Molly and Andrew. They got to my mom's house at 4 a.m. and didn't wake anyone up.
- Thanks for a mild fall that still managed snow for the holiday.
- I am very grateful for the NBA's mandatory dress code.
- Thanks for good health, an upcoming economic recovery, and an end to the war in Iraq.
- I am most appreciative for a resurgent Lion running game and an end to quarterback controversies in Detroit.

- Thanks for constituents who take the time to e-mail me with suggestions, advice, interesting problems and a desire to participate in civic life. It is nice to feel needed and share ideas and solutions.
- Thanks for the Detroit Pistons, who look poised to retake the NBA crown after coming so close to repeating last year.
- Thanks for the return of the National Hockey League.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your families. What are you most thankful for? Send me your thoughts and I will publish them in the next issue of the *Insider E-Newsletter*.

MDOT Invites Public to Discuss Upcoming Road Projects

Sick and tired of the state of Michigan's roads?

The wintry mix of snow and ice got you down in the dumps about the potholes that will come to be after the Spring thaw?

Well, the Michigan Department of Transportation is giving you a chance to put your two cents' worth regarding upcoming potential road construction and improvement projects by hosting a public forum on Tuesday, November 29.

The forum will take place from 10 a.m. to noon and will be held at the MDOT Macomb Transportation Service Center, located at 38257 Mound Road in Sterling Heights.

Interested citizens will get a chance to review MDOT's draft of the Five Year Transportation Program and to discuss transportation issues with regional MDOT representatives.

Mickey's TV Insider Show

Check out my TV Insider Show coming to a television station near you. Watch me interview local guests about politics, life, issues and concerns to our district.

Sterling Heights

Every Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

Utica

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

Clinton Township

Last week of every month- Sat thru Thurs
(Comcast Channel 5/WOW Channel 10)

Roseville

Various Times
(Comcast Channel 18)

*Please note that Sterling Heights/Utica/Clinton Township will show the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 5 and Wide Open West Channel 10. Clinton Township will air the TV Insider Show at various times during the last week of every month. Roseville can see the TV Insider Show on Comcast Channel 18.

Coffee Hours

*Please note that since the District Office is in Roseville, I do not have set coffee hours in Roseville. However, I encourage you to visit the Roseville office. We even have a coffee pot. Everyone is welcome to attend the coffee hours and discuss their issues and concerns. **Due to the upcoming Holiday Season, future Coffee Hours will be announced in future editions of The Insider. Stay tuned for updates.**

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